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Jason Hollowell sends a bowling ball down his lane when the Haliburton County Red Wolves team was joined by the Haliburton County Huskies on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden. See more photos on page 10. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

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Head over heels for climbing

Climbers of all ages headed to Medeba on Sunday, Jan. 28 for a night of indoor rock climbing. The next climb night is on Feb. 11. No registration is required.
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Storm under 13 make history

MIKE GERVAIS
Special to *County Life*

For the first time in the history of the Highland Storm, the International Silver Stick Trophy is coming to rest in the Haliburton Highlands. The Walker's Heating and Cooling U13 Rep Team swept into Forest, Ontario, to bring home Silver Stick glory and win one of North America's most prominent minor hockey tournaments.

The team secured the elusive title with a 4-0 victory over the Arran-Elderslie IceDogs. The team used their speed and high-pressure play to dominate the game and erase any doubt over who the champions would be. Goals by Travis Rowe (2), Chase Kerr and Henry Neilson fueled the victory. Neilson and Rowe were joined by Hawksley Dobbins (F) and Blake Hutchinson (G) in being named players of the game.

The victory comes on the heels of an undefeated preliminary round with wins over four other Regional Champions - the Frontenac Flyers, West Niagara Flying Aces, Dresden Jr Ice Kings and the Columbus Blue Jackets. The Storm U13s also went undefeated in their Silver Stick Regional tournament to finish the multi-level tournament 9-0.

This victory provides redemption to head coach Scott Neilson, who exited last year's International contest with a narrow loss in the semi-finals. Coaches James Reilly, Shawn Walker, and trainer Marcus Rowe supported Neilson in preparing the small yet speedy squad. Manager Cynthia Hutchinson ensured the team had everything they needed leading to the tournament to remove distractions and provide focus.

All team members served a critical role in the victories and stepped up to forecheck, backcheck, set up goals or stand ready to move into a more significant role if needed. Players included Hudson Meyer (D), Levi Rowe (D), Tyler Hughes (D), Cruise Neave (F), Lyla Degeer (F), Linus Gervais (F), Marshall Heasman (G), Jaxon Hurd (F) and Brycen Harrison (F).

The 2024 International Silver Stick banners will hang in the Minden and Haliburton arenas to represent memories of a lifetime for the team. Go Storm!

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Writing on the Senior Side

Getting out of Dodge

GAIL STELTER
Special to *County Life*

January 2014. Day one unfolded as expected. We made our way to our son's home in Burlington. Smokey the cat will spend the winter months with him. Dinner for the three of us at Swiss Chalet and early to bed, ready for an early start the next morning.

Day two. No early start, no start at all. The car won't start. I spend half an hour on the phone waiting for CAA to answer and another hour and a half for someone to come to our aid. He starts the car in minutes and says it has something to do with the starter. It should be fine, or maybe it won't, and that means if we turn it off, it may not start again. Now, you might think a mature (not sure if I like this better than older) couple would take the car to have it fixed before they get on their way. Oh, you don't know us. Forget that, let's get the heck out of Dodge.

The plan. We won't turn off the car until we reach the hotel, and we will pick a hotel in a city for easier access to car repair places. Works for us and off we go.

It was a pleasant drive until we reached the US border.

"Please turn your car off."

Peter responds, "Oh, we can't do that. We have a problem with the starter. It may not start again, and we don't want to be stuck in this kiosk line. You probably don't want us stuck here either."

The Border Guard shakes his head and pauses. "Okay leave it on."

He asks the usual questions including, "Do you have any alcohol or tobacco?"

"No alcohol. I have 25 cigars." Peter passes him the cigars - five packs of five in an unopened carton, purchased at the grocery store in Haliburton.

The guard looks them over carefully. His voice raises. "These are Cuban!"

Peter gives him a quizzical look."Yes?'

The guard raises his voice a little more. "These are illegal. You can't bring these into the country, It's the same as bringing marijuana."

"Oh, I didn't know." Peter and I are both very quiet now. I guess we didn't think that one through too well. Okay, we are not mature, just older.

"Open the side door of the van." Then his voice jumps another octave. "What have you got in there?"

The van is jam-packed from top to bottom. Both the middle seat and back seat are down. Peter, continuing to respond matter of factly, says, "Well, I have a dining room table and six chairs, a saw, a leaf blower, lawn chair cushions, two sets of golf clubs, our clothes, blankets…" His voice trails off as he goes on to explain the bought house in Florida last year.

The guard is shaking his head again, and I detect a calmer voice with perhaps a bit of humour. "Okay, I think we'd better check and see if there is anything else you are trying to bring in illegally." He instructs us to drive over to another area.

Three new guards - not one, not two, three - are waiting for us.

Guard Number One: "Stop here, turn off your car, and put the keys on the dashboard."

Peter: "No, I really can't do that." He goes on to explain about the starter.

Guard Number One: "OK, leave the car running, Take your passports and wallets; lead all electronic devices in the car, and go inside."

Now, getting out of the car after four hours of driving is not an easy task when you have arthritis. My knees have no intention of listening to directions from my brain. Peter is even worse. He is in pain every time he gets out of the car and walks with a limp.

As I'm getting out, Guard Number Two says, "You left your car on."

Guard Number One interjects on our behalf to explain.

Guard Number Two: "So you are going to leave the motor on all the way to Florida?" He seems to think we are a little weird. Why would he think that? Doesn't he know we have a plan? I am feeling a little defensive, so I explain the plan.

Guard Number Three says to Guard Number Two, "They are going to drive this all the way to Florida?"

"This" is our 2004 minivan with several rusted-out areas. Now I am feeling even more defensive. I think of so many things I could say. I keep quiet. Peter must be feeling defensive too as I hear him mutter something about having a better vehicle at home (our truck), and he left it for his daughter to use.

I waddle, and he limps inside. We are "processed". It is just like on the border shows, but I am not enjoying this. Our passports are taken. We are asked many questions and told to take a seat. We sit. Peter has to get permission to use the bathroom. He is accompanied by a guard while doing so. I need to go too, but there is no way I am asking. I wait. We wait. It seems like forever, but it is probably only a half hour or so.

Finally the verdict. "Peter and Margaret, here are your passports. You can go now and have a good drive." Outside, Guards Numbers One, Two, and Three are nowhere to be seen. The car is waiting, and the motor is still on. Life is good. As we drive away, I reach down beside my seat and discover the cigars.

We drive through Michigan and into Ohio. We need gas. Oops, I forgot to put that in the plan. Will we turn off the car to fill up? No, absolutely not. We have a plan, and we are not turning the car off until we get to the hotel. And, the hotel has to be in a state with no snow. Did you think we would? No, I know you didn't. You are gaining new insights into the way we think. We tweak the plan and search for a gas station with lots of pumps; a whole line of pumps. Peter pulls up to the last pump and goes in to pre-pay. It's perfect, a

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Writing on the Senior Side

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huge busy store with lots of people and two cashiers who don't have time to look up and see our car. Mission accomplished. So, life is good again… until… the snow: blowing snow and low visibility south of Toledo, wet sleet close to Dayton and even worse in Cincinnati. Kentucky here we come across the Ohio River and into rain. Rain is good. The sign says 81 miles to Lexington: the hotel stop.

We are quietly driving along when Peter softly and nonchalantly says, "We could leave the car running all night."

"No!" This is my immediate response. I know there is a good reason for saying no, but I can't think of it at the moment.

We register at the hotel. The car is still on. Peter carries our bags into the room. The car is still running. He then takes the car and gets gas and some food. We eat in our room. Yes, the car is running. We can see it from the window. Food helps us to think more clearly, and we know it is time to turn the car off. Peter has been driving for twelve hours, and I am very stressed. He goes out and turns the car off. He turns it on again. It starts. Does this mean it would have started all day long and much of this craziness could have been avoided? Peter sends a text to our kids, They are glad we are safe. They see the humour in our adventure. Our youngest daughter replies to her dad, "Smuggling illegal cigars - wild man!" Thank goodness this day is over. Will the car start tomorrow?

The next morning the car starts, and we revisit the plan. Yes, there is always a plan. We will not tempt fate. Oh wait, this whole journey has been a temp of fate. We will, once again, keep the car running until we are in the driveway of our Florida home, another twelve-hour drive.

The drive is going well, and we take a pit stop. We take turns. One of us always staying in the car. Peter notices that he has missed a phone call from Florida. The message says that the Hernando County water department went out to our house, as booked, to turn on the water. When they did this they heard water running inside the house, so they turned it off again. Peter calls them to ask them to come back tonight and turn it back on. Foolish man, like anyone is going to come out at night on a weekend. I could tell him, but you learn in 45 years of marriage that it is just better to leave him be.

The answer. "No water until Monday."

Revise the plan. We will have a night swim and a long relaxing hot tub at the lodge pool.

Peter pulls into a gas station, the end pump, pauses, and then drives off.

"What's wrong?"

"Didn't you see the big signs on each pump that said, "Turn off your car?" It seems he is not squeamish about breaking rules as long as there isn't a sign.

We arrive, unpack and head to the hot tub. We have been coming to TimberPines for six years. The hot tub has never been broken. You guessed it, the hot tub is "out of order". We settle for hot showers in the change rooms.

Life is good.

The hidden benefits of routine

In the context of adult daily life, the word "routine" can sometimes have a negative connotation, conjuring images of daily commuting, domestic chores or other dull and time intensive parts of "adulting" – routines that we long to break out of, or approach differently.

But in the context of the caregiver-child relationship, these types of seemingly mundane routines have a powerful and essential role. Setting regular expectations for routines, such as tasks and transitions expected before and after school and inside the classroom, can help reduce adult-child conflict and power struggles at school and at home. Systematic research in the child development field has demonstrated that regular routines are associated with better self regulation, autonomy and social skills, and overall mental and physical health.

All caregivers know that sticking to a routine can be much more difficult than it seems. Mornings are usually full of transitions, and most kids find transitions hard. Just getting a child on the bus to school in the morning dressed for the weather with teeth brushed and something in their stomach in a short timeline is considered a small victory for many caregivers.

Consistently following routines may be more of a struggle for kids who have challenges with executive functioning or sensory processing skills; others may be dealing with anxiety and depression that can affect their motivation. In these situations, children can benefit from additional reminders, dedicated connection time with their caregiver, and visual aids or countdowns. Every child needs a plan and tools that are unique and adaptable to their specific personality and circumstances, and it often takes a lot of trial and error to produce a routine that reliably produces results.

If you are a caregiver in need of support with this issue or others, you can call Point in Time offices at (705)-457-5345 or email info@pointintime.ca to make a Quick Access appointment. The process is quick, easy, and confidential.

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Love is in the air, don't tcha know

DEAR READERS,

Can you feel it? Can you? Valentine's love is in the air. With its own special cotton candy-like sweetness. And you don't even have to be a youngin' to feel it. You just need to take a moment and say silently to yourself: LOVE, LOVE, LOVE … and feel its warmth fill your head and gently flow to every nook and cranny of your being, with so much light that Hydro calls begging you for the formula, don'tcha know. Why even your friends start wearing sunglasses when they're around you. Folks offer to help you cross the street even when you don't want them to. Why, it's kind of magical what the warm feeling of love can do not only to yourself, but to everyone you meet in Lake WhaddayathinkImean.

Maybelle's **Fireside stories**

Why, just last week, Twindle Mumbly fell head over heels for Beanpole Starkman's cousin, Normalene Jean, who was visiting from the greater Brooklyn, Ontario area, don'tcha know. He hadn't planned to, but, boy oh boy, if his heart didn't jump right out of his chest like a ping pong ball gone wild. Poor 'ol Twindle didn't know what hit him, while Cupid hovered overhead giggling from ear to ear, holding an empty bow whose arrow had just hit him with an extra strength potion of love.

Now, Twindle, being the owner of Lake WhaddayathinkImean Taxidermy, suddenly felt so enraptured by the presence of Normalene Jean that he marched straight into his store, snatched his prized stuffed dead marmot from a pedestal, wrapped it around with bright red ribbon, and handed it to his new love saying, "Happy Valentine's Day, Normalene Jean!"

Why if she didn't drop that thing like a hot potato, don'tcha know. And holding back a sour face not wanting to hurt Twindle's feelings, but silently freaked out by it, she said sweetly, "Thank you, Twindle. Just what I've always wanted."

Now, the funny thing is, Normalene Gene was so taken by Twindle's gesture of love, that her heart swelled and she, too, got all goo-goo eyed. Like I said, there's magic when Valentine's love is in the air.

What has opened my eyes about love is this. Love is a choice. Yep. Just like feeling anger is a choice. Sometimes I catch myself when I feel angry. I say, "Maybelle. Why are you angry? You don't have to feel that, you know." And I think: Yeah, but so and so did such and such and boy, that makes me mad. And then I tell myself: "But, how good does feeling angry make you feel? Why, it doesn't feel good at all. That's when I decide to choose a better thought. A happier thought. A thought that goes like this: LOVE. LOVE. LOVE. LOVE. LOVE.

And with all the warring and craziness going on in the world, why I'm just loving living here in Lake WhaddayathinkImean with my good friends, Twindle Mumbly, Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yucch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, and, of course, my lovable pet bear, Bogart. So, on this Valentine's Day, I'd like to share my Love Poem to the World, don'tcha know. And it goes like this:

Kindness warms the heart. Compassion soothes the soul. Let's all be the best that we can be, before our skin grows mould. And remember: Behind those rain clouds, the sun is always shining. And if you can't see it. Then you just shine in its place.

P.S. As life is always full of changes and hurly-burly surprises, why if 'ol Maybelle won't be able to attend the fundraiser for the new youth theatre company Ctrl-ART-del at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Feb. 16, after all. But, I do hope you can go and support this fine new addition to Haliburton's growing thespian community, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's books, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com

Top 10 alternate jobs for groundhogs

NOW THAT our groundhogs have predicted something that the rest of us already guessed – another early spring – I think it is also time to re-evaluate whether we actually need their predictions anymore.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

For the record, I'm pro-groundhog. That's why I feel it's time to stop stereotyping them and allow groundhogs opportunities to contribute to society in a host of other meaningful ways. Here are my top 10 ideas as to how they might do so.

1. Predicting local clover and garden yields.
2. Performing soil evaluation survey for subway and mining engineers.
3. Training shadow boxers.
4. Creating livestock free areas.
5. Acting in any groundhog-related or large rodent role to improve realism.
6. Offering new social and political perspectives.
7. Finally, providing definitive information to answer the question, "How many chucks can a woodchuck chuck?"
8. Writing historical books and documentaries on famous groundhogs.
9. Acting as post hole contractors.
10. Introducing the vibrant groundhog culture and cuisine to a waiting world.

Stars

Diamond light, glinting on Snow,
the white, so bright, I avert my eyes, bathing them in the blue of Sky,
swathing me in a feeling of peace, as I blink up at the broken bit of rainbow,
floating up there, not far from the glare of Sun, glazing Snow.
I stare, in awe, wondering where did the rest of the rainbow go, only this sliver, its spectrum of colours, painting Sky,
my eyes, mesmerized, by the mystery of things that I don't know, my boots crunching across the field of Snow,
squashing the shards of diamond light, sparkling beneath my feet, my steps and Breath, the only sounds I hear,
the birds, hibernating in their nests, on a morning so cold, Air stings my cheeks and nose, sears my bones,
as I walk, gawking up at the wonder of winter Sky,
a hundred blinks of my eyes and the piece of rainbow fades from sight,
disappearing into all that blueness, blaring down, quiet, so loud, I stop and just stand in the Snow for a moment,
inhaling all this space and light that surrounds me, exhaling shards of debris, that linger from last year,
'till all that's left is diamond light, silvering Snow, as my boots resume crunching across the field,
passing boot prints zig-zagging from the other side, smaller ones, following a pair of bigger ones,
my eyes smiling down at the Snow, little steps scurrying to keep up with the grown-up's stride,
wondering whether I'm trespassing across their field, as I spot the splinters of fence in the distance,
my eyes squinting at the petals of red, blooming in the Snow,
bright as a broken bit of rainbow, wondering what it could be,
as my steps and Breath quicken, then slow, when I reach the little mitten, curled in the Snow,
wondering about its owner's hand that must be cold, and whether I should pick up the striped mitten or leave it be,
as I stand here in the Snow, a stick-figure clomping across the field, towards me.
I pick up the mitten, missing its hand, and wave it in the Air,
the stick-figure's hand waves back as I begin walking towards the stranger,
the dome of blue Sky canopying our Breath, and the crunch of our steps,
as diamond light sparkles in the Snow, like shards of stars, dusting our shadows.

Sylvie Kalenda *January 2024*

Through the wardrobe

DEBORAH J REED

Special to *County Life*

I'm addicted to *YouTube*. *Insta* too. Like a chain smoker. I forgive my scrolling, though others sometimes call me out on my screen-time. But I'm always hungry for information, its instant access, its cross-references, its enigmatic accuracy. My faraway siblings, Boomers as well, are also hooked on clips and reels. Sharing through our socials helps us visit each other. Smartphones are portals.

Despite time and distance, the three of us are still the same kids. Our most typical exchanges introduce wild facts and amusements. Not one day passes without some electronic swap. Cat fails, recipe hacks, prodigies, pranks. remarkable beauty.

Maybe we miss our parents? We were once immersed by them in puns, surprises, travel, ethnic diversities, games, stories, freedom to wander far reaches of our neighbourhood.

When it rained, we built basement blanket forts and played *monster*. We built lots of stuff. We took turns using the grey cardboard dividers from Dad's dry-cleaned shirts to make kites or storybooks. We trilled CHUM radio hits on summer lawns. I was always the lead singer. Manager as well, I cut and taped those shirt cardboards onto badminton rackets for guitars. My little sister banged saucepans while I treated a tiny crowd over and over to 'I'm Into Something Good'.

None of us became professional musicians. But we felt good. Trusted, appreciated, gigantic, relaxed and… happy. No-one wanted to grow up. But we did. Nicely. Kindly. We three are all still fun. Reliable, wide open, peace-loving Peter Pans.

My happiest game was playing 'school'. I was always the teacher. My 'students' dubbed me 'Mrs. Snotrag'. I wasn't the snottiest among playmates. But I was a ham. I reclaimed my fading British accent, pursed my lips, and screeched out satirical 'lessons' or 'detentions' with a willow stick and my Oscar-worthy 11-year-old self-possession. Perhaps Dame Maggie Smith learned from me.

I was GOOD. I knew things. I'd constantly revisit my Golden Book Encyclopedias, collected volume-by-volume with *Lucky Green Stamps*. I retained facts from *Aardvark* to *Zenith*. "The sky looks like a bowl turned upside down". I repeat that nugget to this day. That illustrated alphabet of information opened doorways to Aladdin's very carpet.

I'd sometimes read all night. Imagination was palpable. Tickets to other worlds. Our one tv was only black and white, and needed pounding on its wooden sides to return to signal. *Disney* and *Lassie* were almost as good as reading. But never quite. There were better colours in our own books.

I sneaked my mother's novels like unsupervised cookies. Stories about growing up were most compelling, especially where education was featured. *Tom Brown's Schooldays, Anne of Green Gables, Little Men. A Separate Peace*. I'd travel beyond their pages, connecting abstractly with faraway people and places. I'd let my mind approach new ideas, and rethink old ones. I didn't stress back then about feeling small, scared and powerless. I could explore anything I wanted. Books guaranteed that.

When I became a professional teacher of 11-year-olds, I read aloud from my rocking chair after every morning recess. I always managed to squeeze 35 students into our classroom 'living room', an exclusive landscape of bookshelves, couches, armchair, braided rug, plants and cushions. I vocally dramatized *Storytime*. Novels were recommended by school librarians. I'd start each year with comedic *Fudge-a-Mania*, spend second term working through *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and finish Grade 5 with *Bridge to Terabithia.* By graduation to Middle School, most kids understood synonym, simile, metaphor, irony, conflict, onomatopoeia, oxymoron (they LOVED that one)…

Even if Grade 5s couldn't spell or grasp a literary technique, they might still notice that a writer's bias is as subjective as any other viewpoint within a classroom. Or a continent. The teacher's challenge was to moderate personal politics, and to cover curriculum with discrete measures of knowledge, context and instinct.

It's tough to be a teacher. Almost too much responsibility. Don't think I could handle it today. Lost some nerve since I retired.

I recently learned that *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* is now banned in many schools because of its mysticism and gore. I'd originally guessed it was because C.S. Lewis used Christian metaphors throughout his *Narnia* series. I already knew he did this when I introduced his allegories to students. So, I laid out some critical groundwork, and we'd regard his characters and their journeys as mostly universal. Good versus evil. *Symbolism of spring. Bullies are scary. Be truthful. Children can be brave, smart and important. We make mistakes. We all need heroes. War is horrible…*

I continue to evaluate my own outlooks and traditions. Most elders do. Perspectives are thankfully malleable. I'm infinitely forming, tweaking, discarding. I can get somewhere, or nowhere at all. I use many lenses. I still care about schoolrooms, books and wooden wardrobes. All of them contain landscapes beyond the obvious.

Gotta go. My 60ish baby brother just sent a fact on *Messenger*. 2225 km away, but he still has to show me something that wowed him.

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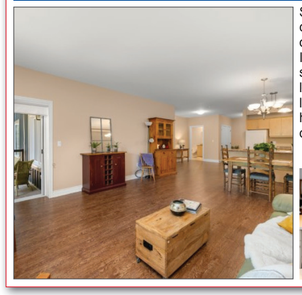

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- 900 ft of shoreline, 5.9 acres
- Smooth rocky point with pines
- Gentle lot well treed, gorgeous sunsets
- Lightly developed lake with balance of shoreline crown
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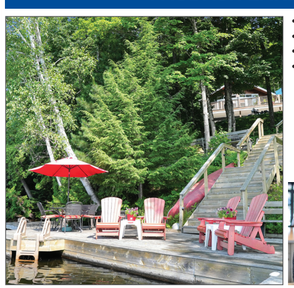

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Good for the bowl

The Haliburton County Red Wolves team showed the Haliburton County Huskies their bowling skills on Wednesday, Jan. 24 when the two teams gathered at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden for a day of fun. /TIM YANO Special to County Life

Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
When: Monday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level
Admission: Yearly membership of $59
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Creative Collaborations
When: Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church.
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Seniors Chair Exercises
When: Thursdays, at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St.
Safe and gentle exercises for seniors to help with balance, strength and flexibility. Free to join.

Cribbage and Euchre
When: Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
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Super Cash Calendar Draws
When: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion
From January until October. Three tickets pulled per night. First ticket winner receives $100, second ticket $200, and third ticket $500. Winners will be posted every month on www.haliburtonlions.com. Public is welcome to attend the draws at the Lions meetings in person.

Winter Signatures - Wildlife Tracks and Signs
When: Feb. 10, 10 a.m. - noon
Where: Barnum Creek Nature Reserve,
118 Gould Crossing Rd
Join Rick Whitteker, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Partners in Conservation Coordinator, outdoor guide, educator and nature writer, for an engaging snowshoe hike. Release your inner detective and explore the tracks and signs of winter wildlife movement, feeding and survival on the beautiful trails of Barnum Creek. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Pre-registration is required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or by calling 705-457-3700. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner
When: Tuesday Feb. 13, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church,
19 Invergordon Ave., Minden
A Shrove Tuesday dinner of pancakes and sausages, desserts, coffee and tea. Admission by donation.

Nature in your backyard

County Life welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email vivian@ haliburtonpress.com
Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.

A Mourning Dove stops by the feeder. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A Pine Marten in the snow. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call Cheryl Waller at 905-447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!
Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m. Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541
Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

Branch 624 Wilberforce Events

Feb. 8 - HHHS Social 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open 2 to 6 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Senior's 55+ lunch noon, Fish/chips 5 to 8 p.m.
Feb. 10 - Open 2 p.m. to 12 a.m. Meat Draw 3 p.m. - Karaoke 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Feb. 11 - L.A. Breakfast 9 to 11 a.m. Closed after breakfast
Feb. 12, 13 - Closed
Feb. 14 - Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts 2 p.m.

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$5.1 M approved for SSFC expansion

"We're getting a new campus," said Brian Desbiens, enthusiastically.

The president of Sir Sandford Fleming College was referring to the announcement from the Ontario Ministry of Education of $27.45-million in funding for Fleming campuses in Peterborough, Lindsay and Haliburton.

Haliburton's share is $5.1-million, which will go toward the construction of a new campus in the village.

"It's terrific news," Desbiens said.

Those thoughts were repeated by Barb Bolin, campus operations leader in Haliburton. "This is wonderful news," she stated. "It will be great to be able to consolidate all of our courses under one roof."

Desbiens noted that the college will have to do some fund-raising as well, but he added, "It's going to happen and that is very exciting."

The municipality of Dysart et al will be a partner in the venture. It is donating the land for the new campus, a small section of Glebe Park. Details are still being worked out to make sure the other park features, such as snowmobile and Nordic ski trails aren't adversely affected. The Dysart contribution of the land and municipal services will be included as part of the public portion of the expansion. A study is currently under way to determine the area's capacity for fund-raising.

Plans for a new campus in Haliburton have been in the works for some time, but the funds had not been com-

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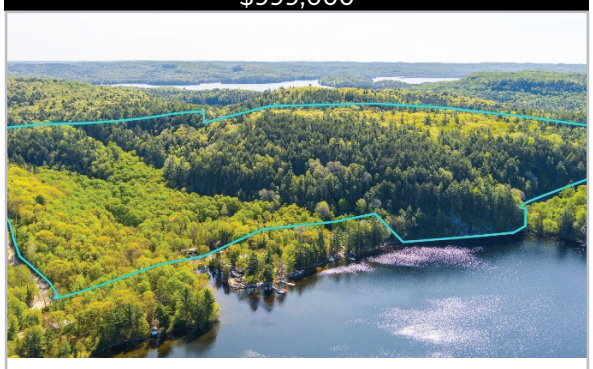

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